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1. SUMMARY: WHILE MOST PAPERS CONTINUE FRONTPAGE PHOTOS OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY ISRAELI AIR ATTACKS IN LEBANON, MANY ALSO BANNER THREATS BY PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE LEADERS TO RETALIATE. PRO-CAIRO AL YOUNG HEADLINED ITS REPORT OF PALESTINIAN STATEMENTS: "EVERY HOUSE AND EVERY HUMAN IN ISRAEL HAS BECOME OUR MILITARY TARGET." PRO-SYRIA ASH SHARQ: "EAGLES OF PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION: IT IS OUR RIGHT TO PURSUE METHODS OF OUR ENEMY. HE WHO STRUCK FIRST IS TO BLAME." INDEPENDENT AL BAYRAQ: "OUT NEXT OPERATIONS WILL BE IN DEPTH OF CITIES." MESSAGES AND STATEMENTS OF CONDOLENCES FOR LOSS OF INNOCENT LIVES IN LEBANON BY PRESIDENT NIXON, SECRETARY KISSINGER AND AMBASSADOR SCALI PUBLISHED BY INDEPENDENT AND RIGHTIST PAPERS AND IGNORED BY LEFTIST PRESS. PRO-COMMANDO AL MUHAMMARI AND ASH SHARQ HIGHLIGHTED REPORTS THAT "KISSINGER'S MISSION HAS FAILED AND HE HAS DECIDED TO RETURN HOME," WHILE AL BAYRAQ REPORTED "HIS MISSION HAS MADE PROGRESS." LEADING INDEPENDENT AN NAHAR AND CONSERVATIVE AL HAYAT FRONTPAGED HEADLINE: "KISSINGER OFFERS AMERICAN IDEAS FOR FIRST TIME." EDITORIALY, UNCLASSIFIED

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SERIAL PAPERS OPINED THAT ISRAELI RAID AIMED AT CREATING

CLASH BETWEEN LEBANESE AND PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE AND CALLED FOR SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THEM. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ITS EDITORIAL AN NAHAR WROTE: "WHOLE WORLD KNOWS THAT AGGRESSION AGAINST SOUTH LEBANON AFTER KIRYAT SHEMONA OPERATION DID NOT PREVENT SUBSEQUENT MALLOT OPERATION. IN FOREFRONT OF THOSE WHO KNOW THIS IS DR. DISSINGER. HIS ATTITUDE IS CLEAR. HE CONDEMNED AGGRESSION ON LEBANON, WHEN HE CONDEMNED ISRAEL LAST TIME AT SECURITY COUNCIL. BUT WHAT IS NEEDED NOW IS NOT JUUST CONDEMNATION, BUT SANCTIONS AS WELL. BIGGEST OBSTACLE TO REPEATED ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST LEBANON IS LEBANON'S STEADFASTNESS AND ITS REFUSAL TO CLASH WITH COMMANDOS."

3. AL MUHARRIR: "OUT LEADERS SHOULD STUDY WHAT APPEARS TO BE NEW ISRAELI STRATEGY OF REPLACING WAR AGAISNT COMMANDOS BY WAR AGAINST OUR WOMEN, CHILDREN, OLD MEN AND CAMPS... IN OUR OPINION, THIS WAR EQUIRES CONTINUATION OF ATTACKS AGAINST ISRALEI SETTLEMENTS...THAT LEAVE ENEMY NO TIME TO REST OR BREATHE, WHILE AT SAME TIME DEFENSIVE MEASURES IN CAMPS AND COMMANDO BASES ARE INTENSIFIED."

4. CONSERVATIVE AL HAYAT: "DROPPING BY ISRAELI PLANES OF EXPLOSIVES IN SHAPE OF TOYS AND POISONED CANDY IN FRONT OF CHILDREN IN LEBANON IS CRIME THAT WORLD SHOULD BE AWARE OF."

5. PRO-LIBYA AS SAFIR: "AFTER MAALOT OPERATION AND DURING SHELLING OF CIVILIAN POSITIONS IN LEBANON, KISSINGER ACTED AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED. HE CONFIRMED HIMSELF TO DECLARING HIS ANGRY CONDEMNATION OF MAALOT OERATION. HE MAINTAINED SILENCE OF THE GRAVE FOLLOWING BRUTAL ISRAELI SHELLING OF CAMPS AND CIVILIAN VILLAGES."

6. PRO-SOVIET ASH SHAAB: "WHO CAN STOP THIS PROCESSION OF BLOOD AND DESTRUCTION? THE U.S. CAN. THERE WOULD BE NOTHING EASIER THAN SENDING BRIEF NOTE TO TELAVIV WARNING AGAINST USING US-MADE PLANES FOR ATTACKS AGAINST PEACEFUL CIVILIANS, AND TELLING IT THAT COMBATTING OF PALESTINIAN 'TERRORIS' OR 'SABOTAGE' SHOULD BE THROUGH MEANS OTHER THAN THESE WHICH, SICE THEY ARE CARRIED OUT BY UNCLASSIFIED

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RESPONSIBLE US MEMBER, ARE FAR MORE HORRIBLE THAN COMMANDO ACTS."

7. COMMUNIST AN NKDA: "WHENEVER THERE IS ISRAELI ATTACK AGAINST LEBANON, PARTICULARLY SOUTH, GOVERNMENT TELLS US IT RECEIVED FROM US GUARANTEES OF LEBANON'S BORDERS AND AGAINST AGGRESSION. HUNDREDS OF TIMES STATE RECEIVED SUCH ASSURANCES, BUT WHAT WAS RESULT? MORE AGGRESSION. GODLEY

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